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SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE: VENEZUELA

REF: A) CARACAS 1421; B) CARACAS 807

1. GIVEN VENEZUELA'S OPPOSITION TO PRG PARTICIPATION
AT LOW CONFERENCE LAST YEAR AND INDICATION OF GOV SUPPORT
FOR OUR POSITION THIS YEAR, DEPT WAS DISAPPOINTED BY
VENEZUELAN ABSTENTION ON CHOICE BETWEEN RULE 32 AND RULE
35 AND ON SECOND CHALLENGE TO RULING BY CHAIR. WE WERE
FRANKLY ASTONISHED BY GOV SUPPORT FOR FIRST CHALLENGE TO
RULING BY CHAIR (GRABER). IN LATTER INSTANCE GOV JOINED
ONLY CUBA AND PERU, WHILE 12 LA'S OPPOSED CHALLENGE AND
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FIVE ABSTAINED.

2. UNLESS OBJECTION PERCEIVED, EMBASSY REQUESTED TO SEEK EARLY OCCASION TO CONVEY OUR DISAPPOINTMENT TO HOST GOVERNMENT AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL OF MFA, AND SOLICIT REASONS FOR CHANGE IN GOV POSITION. AS POST (AND HOST GOVERNMENT) AWARE, THIS IS ISSUE OF HIGH IMPORTANCE TO USG.

3. IF FEASIBLE YOU SHOULD DETERMINE WHETHER THE GOV HAS VOTED AGAINST PRG IN WMO POSTAL BALLOT, AS IT INTENDED (REF B). IF IT HAS NOT YET VOTED, YOU SHOULD URGE IT TO DO SO AND TO OPPOSE THE PRG. KISSINGER

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